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Security Council

10 a.m. — 6002nd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Briefing by the President of the International Court of Justice

Morning[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

Other matters

3 p.m. — 6003rd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

   Report of the Secretary-General on the deployment of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2008/659)

Afternoon[2] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

UNAMID (S/2008/659)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6002nd meeting.
[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 6003rd meeting.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

10.30 a.m. — Informal meeting (closed) — Conference Room 6

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today* and *tomorrow*, 28 and 29 October, and on Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). Part 1 of the revised draft outcome document has been issued and is available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>. For further information, including background materials, please consult that Web site.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 29 October 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *five minutes*.

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Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis

An Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The panellists invited are Prof. Joseph Stiglitz (United States), Dr. François Houtart (Belgium), Prof. Prabhat Patnaik (India) and Dr. Pedro Páez (Ecuador). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 October 2008, was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

General Assembly
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Informal consultations of the process on strengthening international environmental governance will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly

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Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82* (A/C.1/63/L.12*); *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139 and A/C.1/63/L.45); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87* (A/C.1/63/L.7*); *item 88* (A/C.1/63/L.4); *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3, A/C.1/63/4, A/C.1/63/L.5, A/C.1/63/L.6, A/C.1/63/L.8, A/C.1/63/L.9, A/C.1/63/L.10, A/C.1/63/L.14, A/C.1/63/L.16*, A/C.1/63/L.17, A/C.1/63/L.19, A/C.1/63/L.20, A/C.1/63/L.21, A/C.1/63/L.22, A/C.1/63/L.23, A/C.1/63/L.25, A/C.1/63/L.26, A/C.1/63/L.27, A/C.1/63/L.28, A/C.1/63/L.29, A/C.1/63/L.30, A/C.1/63/L.31*, A/C.1/63/L.32/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/L.33, A/C.1/63/L.34, A/C.1/63/L.35, A/C.1/63/L.36, A/C.1/63/L.37, A/C.1/63/L.38, A/C.1/63/L.39*, A/C.1/63/L.40, A/C.1/63/L.41, A/C.1/63/L.43*, A/C.1/63/L.44, A/C.1/63/L.51, A/C.1/63/L.52, A/C.1/63/L.54, A/C.1/63/L.56, A/C.1/63/L.57* and A/C.1/63/L.58*); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164, A/63/178, A/C.1/63/L.13, A/C.1/63/L.15, A/C.1/63/L.24, A/C.1/63/L.42, A/C.1/63/L.46, A/C.1/63/L.49, A/C.1/63/L.50/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/L.53); *item 91* (A/63/27* (Supp. 27), A/63/42 (Supp. 42)*, A/63/177, A/63/279, A/C.1/63/L.47, A/C.1/63/L.48); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II) and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93* (A/C.1/63/L.31); *item 94* (A/63/138 and A/C.1/63/L.18); *item 95* (A/63/124 and A/C.1/63/L.55); and *item 96* (A/C.1/63/L.11)

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/INF/1, A/C.1/63/CRP.3*, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.1*, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.2, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.3, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.4 and A/C.1/63/CRP.4]

[*Note:* The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf>.]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 18th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [31]

General debate

[*Note:* The Web site of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) is now accessible for delegations at <https://4thcommittee.unlb.org>. The username is the same as that for e-Meets and passwords are also the same but with the addition of *a zero at the end*. For queries and comments regarding the Web site, please contact Mr. Dino Del-Vasto (tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; e-mail del-vasto@un.org); or Mr. John Pabon (tel. 1 (917) 367-3449; e-mail pabon@un.org).]

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources . . . . . [38]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.5

2. Sustainable development. . . . . [49]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.2/Rev.1 and A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1

3. Eradication of poverty and other development issues: Industrial development cooperation . . . . . [53 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.6

4. Operational activities for development . . . . . [54]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.4

5. Sustainable development (A/63/66, A/63/76-E/2008/54 and A/63/225) . . . . . [49]

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/63/304 and A/C.2/63/3)

   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/63/296 and A/63/297)

   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/63/347 and A/63/351)

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (A/63/294 and A/C.2/63/3)

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/63/294 and A/C.2/63/3)

   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/63/294 and A/C.2/63/3)

   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (A/63/25, Supplement No. 25)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (A/63/291 and A/63/353) . . . . . [50]

Introductory statement, followed by "question time"

General discussion

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Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

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Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 28th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/123, A/63/370-S/2008/614 A/63/281-S/2008/431 and A/C.3/63/5) . . . . . 64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/63/259, A/63/272, A/63/287, A/63/293, A/63/293/Corr.1, A/63/299, A/63/365, A/63/340, A/63/337, A/63/367, A/63/486, A/63/161, A/63/223, A/63/263, A/63/270, A/63/271, A/63/274, A/63/275, A/63/278, A/63/286, A/63/288, A/63/289, A/63/290*, A/63/292, A/63/313 and A/63/318)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/63/332, A/63/459, A/63/356, A/63/322, A/63/341, A/63/326 and A/C.3/63/4[1])

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/63/264 and A/63/264/Corr.1)

Introductory statements, followed by question time

General discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 29th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Indigenous issues . . . . . [61]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.17

2. Implementation of human rights instruments . . . . . [64 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.18

3. Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/123, A/63/370-S/2008/614 and A/63/281-S/2008/431) . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/63/259, A/63/272, A/63/287, A/63/293, A/63/293/Corr.1, A/63/299, A/63/365, A/63/340, A/63/337, A/63/367, A/63/486, A/63/161, A/63/223, A/63/263, A/63/270, A/63/271, A/63/274, A/63/275, A/63/278, A/63/286, A/63/288, A/63/289, A/63/290*, A/63/292, A/63/313 and A/63/318)

[1] To be issued.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/63/332, A/63/459, A/63/356, A/63/322, A/63/341, A/63/326 and A/C.3/63/4[1])

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/63/264 and A/63/264/Corr.1)

Continuation of general discussion

[1]To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations . . . . . [120]

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

First progress report on the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations (A/62/806 and A/63/496)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations common system (A/63/30, A/63/360 and A/63/501))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Development related activities (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335 and A/63/479))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon[1] . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10) . . . . . [75]

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[1]The launch ceremony of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law will take place from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan (agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on smoke-free United Nations premises (under agenda item 40) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe" (under agenda item 114 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Second Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Missing persons" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

9.45–11.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (under agenda item 64 (c)) (convened by the delegation of France)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

11.45 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Austria)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on "Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

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Western European and Other States Group (on the composition of the ICC Bureau)

8.45–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

JUSCANZ Group

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Mason Group

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

10–10.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international environmental governance)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of the Landlocked Developing Countries (at the expert level)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal meeting for delegations on the draft omnibus resolution under agenda item 39 (Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Legal Matters (on draft resolutions on the rule of law and terrorism)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Open-ended consultations on a regional meetings series in follow-up to the Third Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in *Conference Room 4*.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Vera Hanus, Conventional Arms Branch (tel. 1 (917) 367-9254; e-mail hanus@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Vitaly I. Churkin, Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation (on the current issues of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Security Council stakeout

Afternoon[1] . . . . . Mr. Alain Le Roy, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations (to hold a press encounter)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole of the Security Council on UNAMID.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 29 October 2008

General Assembly
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10 a.m. . . . . 33rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba . . . . . [19]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/93)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.4)

Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

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Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Monday, 3 November 2008
10 a.m.

H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee; Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (oral report); and Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

3 p.m.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Nikitin, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

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Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Wednesday, 29 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 240th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 31 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations of Member States that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3425C; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3425C; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Third session

There will be a country-specific meeting (open) on Burundi on Wednesday, 29 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to be followed by an informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee.

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties
First session

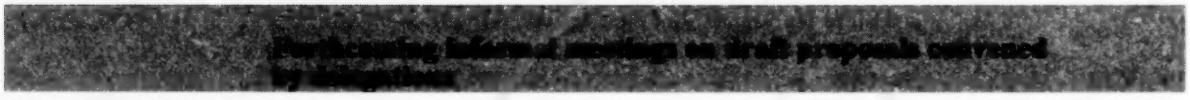
The first session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be held on Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1p.m., and on Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The election of twelve members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place on Monday, 3 November. The provisional agenda for the Conference is contained in document CRPD/CSP/2008/2. The draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference of States parties to the Convention will be issued as document CRPD/CSP/2008/3. The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914). Further information may be found at <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crpd/crpds1.htm>.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the strategic framework for collaborative relationships and partnerships, on Friday, 31 October 2008, from 9 to 10.30 a.m., at the Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House. All interested delegations are invited to attend.



General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Second Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CDB) (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on reliable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable economic development and international cooperation (under agenda item 49) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year for Human Rights Learning" (under agenda item 64 (b) (convened by the delegation of Benin)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Moratorium on the use of the death penalty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third committee) (convened by the delegation of Chile)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (under agenda item 62 (a) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Other forthcoming meetings

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OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 29 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Discussion on "Changing nature of conflict: Are children well protected under international humanitarian law?" (organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC))

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All Member States and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mr. Fernando Falcon (tel. 1 (917) 367-8234; e-mail falcon@un.org; or Mr. Luca Solimeo (tel. 1 (917) 367-3563; e-mail solimeo@un.org.)]

UNU briefing on "An interactive dialogue on UNU New York programs: Present and future" (organized by the United Nations University Office at the United Nations, New York)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Ms. Dini Silveira, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail dini@ony.unu.edu).]

Special event on "Enhancing Pacific connectivity" (organized by UN-OHRLLS, in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nelly Ahouilihoua, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4283; e-mail ahouilihoua@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 24 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

17th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 81 to 96".

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The meeting was suspended in order to hear statements by the Chief of the Regional Disarmament Branch, the Director of the United Nations Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, the Director of the United Nations Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and the Director of the United Nations Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, in an informal setting.

The meeting was resumed.

The Chairman opened the thematic discussion on regional disarmament and security.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR and associated States), Angola (on behalf of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on the Security Questions in Central Africa), Myanmar, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, Colombia, Algeria, Malta, Peru and Nepal.

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of Angola (Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa); Pakistan (Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons) (Regional disarmament) (Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels) (Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context); Algeria (Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region); Peru (United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean); and Nepal (United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific).

The Committee thus concluded the thematic discussion on regional disarmament and security and continued the thematic discussion on disarmament machinery.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Turkey, Norway and Saudi Arabia.

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of the Netherlands (Report of the Disarmament Commission); and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (Report of the Conference on Disarmament).

The Chairman made a statement.

Monday, 27 October 2008

Security Council

6001st meeting

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

Eighteenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (S/2008/645)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the representative of Côte d'Ivoire, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant rule of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Young-Jin Choi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire and Head of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Choi.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

31st plenary meeting — *Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/63/276)* . . . . . [80]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/276)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.6)

H.E. Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director-General of the International Atomic Agency, made a statement, in the course of which he presented the report of the Agency for the year 2007.

The representative of Algeria made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.6.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Brazil (on behalf of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) and the associated States), Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Switzerland, Belarus, South Africa, the Sudan, Kuwait, China, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Singapore, Indonesia, Pakistan and Kazakhstan.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 104 (Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination), scheduled for Monday, 27 October 2008, had been postponed to a later date to be announced.

32nd plenary meeting — *Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/63/276)* . . . . . [80]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/276)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.6)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 80.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Japan, the Philippines, Angola, Thailand, Ukraine, the Republic of Korea and Benin.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.6 (resolution 63/6).

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Japan and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 80.

Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/107) . . . . . [105 (g)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of the Assembly of the Congo, France, Malaysia, Mozambique, the Philippines and the Russian Federation as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office, beginning on 1 January 2009.

The President informed the Assembly that consultations would continue to be held regarding the remaining vacant seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (g) agenda item 105.

Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations . . . . . [109]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 109 to its sixty-fourth session and to include it in the provisional agenda of the sixty-fourth session.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 109.

Main Committees

First Committee

18th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 81 to 96".

The thematic discussion on disarmament machinery was continued.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Malaysia, Canada, India, Chile, and Nigeria.

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of Malaysia ("Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons"); and Nigeria ("United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services") ("United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa").

The Committee thus concluded the thematic discussion on disarmament machinery.

The meeting was suspended for an informal panel discussion with representatives of non-governmental organizations, followed by a question-and-answer period.

On the issue of nuclear weapons and outer space, statements were made by Ms. Setsuko Thurlow (Hibakusha); Mr. John Loretz (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW)); and Mr. Ben Baseley Walker (Secure World Foundation). On the issue of conventional weapons, statements were made by Mr. Raza Shah Khan (Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC)); Ms. Rebecca Peters (International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)); Ms. Widad Akrawi (International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA)); and Mr. C. Edward Rowe (World Forum for the Future of Sport Shooting Activities (WFSA)).

The meeting was resumed.

The Committee thus concluded its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 81 to 96".

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Indonesia on the organization of work.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

17th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [31]

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on this agenda item with statements by the representatives of Thailand, Jamaica, Kenya, Jordan, Bangladesh, China, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Ukraine, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Norway, Viet Nam, Kazakhstan, Uruguay, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the United States, Lebanon, Pakistan, Nigeria and Mongolia, as well as by the observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Second Committee

17th meeting

Sustainable development. . . . . [49]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session

The Committee began its consideration of the item as a whole and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-items (a) and (b)), the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (under sub-item (c)), the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (under sub-item (d)), the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (under sub-item (f)), the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (under sub-item (e)), the Director of the UNEP Regional Office for West Asia (under item 49) and the Chief of the UNEP New York Liaison Office (under sub-item 49 (g)).

The Committee began its general discussion of the item as a whole and heard statements by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro; as well as the Republic of Moldova and Armenia), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Group of the Least Developed Countries), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States and China.

18th meeting

Sustainable development . . . . . [49]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item as a whole and heard statements by the representatives of Belize (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the Sudan, Colombia, the Russian Federation, Morocco, Myanmar, Israel, the Philippines, Namibia, Kazakhstan, Singapore, Algeria, Japan, Ethiopia, Norway, Malawi, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Maldives, Benin, Thailand, Belarus and Switzerland.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus).

Third Committee

26th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-item.

The Chairperson and Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Right to Development made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Cuba, the Sudan, the United States and Brazil.

The Special Rapporteur on the right to food made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Malaysia, France (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the United States, Switzerland, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Belgium, as well as with the observer for Palestine.

The Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Cuba, the United States, China and Kuwait.

27th meeting — *Promotion and protection of human rights* . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Switzerland, Canada, France, Burundi, Azerbaijan, Kenya and Sri Lanka.

The Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Canada, the United States, Brazil, France and New Zealand.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Norway, the United States, France and Canada.

Fifth Committee

12th meeting — *United Nations common system* . . . . . [125]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission introduced the report of that Commission (A/63/30).

The Officer-in-Charge, Chief of Service III, Programme Planning and Budget Division, introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/360).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/501).

The representatives of the Federation of International Civil Servants Association and the United Nations International Civil Servants Federation made statements.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Angola (on behalf of the African Group), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Canada (Australia, New Zealand and Canada), the Russian Federation, the United States, Japan, Algeria and China.

The representative of Morocco spoke on a point of order.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day Monday, 27 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Klaus de Rijk (Netherlands).

Other matters

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Sixth Committee

16th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session [75]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 75.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission made a statement introducing Chapters I to III, IV, V and XII of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10).

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Finland (also on behalf of the Nordic countries), Austria, Belarus, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Saudi Arabia and the Czech Republic.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Bosnia and Herzegovina (24 October 2008)[1]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Colombia (16 October 2008)[1]

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Correction to Annex IX of the Convention

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

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General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/63/495	Item 12 — Prevention of armed conflict — Letter dated 17 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/497–S/2008/668	Items 13, 18, 47, 53, 64 and 79 — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan — Macroeconomic policy questions — Eradication of poverty and other development issues — Promotion and protection of human rights — The rule of law at the national and international levels — Letter dated 20 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/501	Items 118 and 125 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — United Nations common system — Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2008 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
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A/C.1/63/L.43*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.50/Rev.1	Item 90 (h) — Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa — Nigeria: revised draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.57*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/63/L.58*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/63/L.18	Item 64 (a) — Promotion and protection of human rights: implementation of human rights instruments — Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution — Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/63/6	Item 105 (c) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments — Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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S/2008/644	Letter dated 10 October 2008 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2008/662	Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan [A C E F R S]
A/63/497–S/2008/668	Letter dated 20 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2008/671	Report by the Secretary-General concerning the credentials of the alternate representative of the United States of America on the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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